



WINDSOR DEBATES

Building back better: Promoting intelligent climate planning and decarbonisation at speed

Date: Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Venue: Online

Sponsored by: EY

Monday 22nd March

Session 1: Introduction and Scene Setting, 09.30-11.00

Paul Britton, Chief Executive, TVCC will open this introductory session, alongside Bill Gornall-King, Group President, TVCC (Partner – Boyes Turner) and [Claire Walker](#) Co-Executive Director, British Chambers of Commerce (BCC).

Keynote speaker: [Harry Gaskell](#), Purpose and Sustainability Leader, EY

Sustainability – Why saving the planet isn't an act of charity

Harry will examine the business case for sustainability and the importance of climate change measures to the Thames Valley business community.

Session 2: Promoting Intelligent Climate Planning in the region, 14:00-15:30

During this session we will showcase commercially transferable best practice to address climate change across the region.

Speakers will include:

[Simon Greenstreet](#), Head of Communications & Public Affairs, UK/ Ireland, Bayer

[Elodie Viau](#), Director of Telecommunications and Integrated Applications / Head of The European Centre for Space Applications and Telecommunications (ECSAT) at the European Space Agency (ESA).



Session 3: Young Leaders' Panel Session, 16:00-17:30

In this session, a panel of students from across the Thames Valley will share their views and put questions on climate change to senior business leaders.

Participating educational establishments will include:

Activate Learning Education Trust

Imperial College Business School

Royal Holloway, University of London

University of Reading

Windsor Forest Group

Participating Senior Business Leaders will be:

[David Frank](#), UK Government Affairs Manager, Microsoft

[Amie Coppin](#), Head of Sustainability, Great Western Railway

Andrew Barrett, Commercial Lead, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust

Tuesday 23rd March

Session 4: Decarbonisation at Speed, 09:30-11:00

During this session we will look at where innovations are most needed to meet the decarbonisation challenge and what leadership in this field means for organisations in the region.

Speakers will include:

[Andrew Macmillan](#), Chief Carbon and Strategy Officer, Heathrow

[Jim Reay](#), Head of Crop Protection R&D Infrastructure, Syngenta

[Dr David Kingham](#), Executive Vice Chairman, Tokamak Energy Ltd

[Aram Wood](#), Director of Renewables, Thames Water

[Jon Pollock](#), Director, London, South England and Wales, BT



Session 5: Roundtable: Building an effective environmental strategy - what does good look like? 14:00-15:30

This roundtable, chaired by Richard Baker of EY, will bring together leaders from various sectors to explore why businesses need an environmental sustainability strategy, what such strategies look like, and how they can be built.

Speakers will include:

[Matthew Bell](#), UK & Ireland Climate Change and Sustainability Services Leader, EY

[Jacqui MacDonald](#), Sustainability Lead, Boehringer Ingelheim UK & Ireland

[Phil Southall](#), Managing Director, Oxford Bus Company

Mark Rogers, Head of European Network Operations at Honda Motor Europe Ltd

[Alex Tatham](#), Managing Director, Westcoast Ltd

Key topics will include:

- How do you balance environmental sustainability challenges with existing business priorities?
- How well integrated is your sustainability ambition with your product, channel and customer strategy?
- How can you collaborate with other sectors to make progress on your sustainability targets?
- How do you balance the immediate need to bounce back from the pandemic whilst taking the opportunity to build back better?
- How can you use new technology to improve your business' environmental sustainability strategy?



Session 6: Closing Session, 16:00-17:30

In this session, Paul Britton, Chief Executive, TVCC and Bill Gornall-King, Group President, TVCC (Partner – Boyes Turner) will reflect on the outcomes of the event's discussions.

Keynote speaker:

[Yvo de Boer](#), President Gold Standard and former Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (2006-2010)

Yvo will be examining the question of what climate action may mean for future business models – how businesses can grow, with sustainability as part of that growth; whether there are opportunities to reduce business overheads and waste; and whether brand image can be enhanced by behaviour in relation to climate change.